ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

GREENFIELD, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, John H. Reynolds.

Summer term taught by Rena T. Breed of Ware. Miss Breed's first experience as a teacher. A good disciplinarian, and well adapted to the duties and responsibilities of the school room. The exercises at the close of the term were satisfactory, and creditable to pupils and teacher.

Fall term. Teacher, Emma F. Robertson of Greenfield. Miss R. is deserving of much praise. She is a *superior teacher*, and the district that secures her services is fortunate. The quietness and promptness in the recitations, with many other things, rendered our last visit the most enjoyable one of the year.

Winter term. Teacher, John T. Robertson of Greenfield. We are happy to see the parents so much interested. The help some of the families are giving at home will be felt for years to come in the school room. Be not weary in well doing. Your school, we think, stands No. 1 in mathematics, and with care in the selection of teachers may soon rank among the best, if not the best in town. Thanks to Mr. Robertson for his *faithful instruction*.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee; Charles E. Blanchard.

Teacher, summer term, Nellie M. Atwood of Francestown. This school was under the instruction of a competent teacher. Good improvement was made in all the branches pursued, but particularly in spelling and reading. The ranks of deportment and scholarlarship were kept weekly, and speak well. We still retain pleasant thoughts of our visit at the close of the school.

Winter term. Teacher, Ann F. Langdell of Francestown. A pleasant and profitable term. All the exercises at the examination were commendable, showing study and advancement. The rules of reading received special attention. Most of our schools show a want of care in this respect.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, Alfred W. Savage.

Teacher, summer term, Abbie H. Allen of Greenville. The long experience, and the reputation of Miss A. as a successful teacher, is well known. She needs no commendation from me. It is seldom we see so great improvement in *all branches*. The order and interest manifested in all the recitations were a source of gratification, we think, to all present.

Fall term taught by Hattie L. Pettengill of Peterboro'. Miss P. entered quietly upon her work, and soon gained the respect and love of her pupils. A term of ten weeks was profitably spent, and we think pleasantly, both to teacher and scholars. We heard not a word of fault, and this is an uncommon thing in a village school.

Winter term taught by the same teacher. She sustained her former reputation, and the school appeared well at the close. Miss P. has the requisite qualifications to make her a successful teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Union district with Bennington. Did not receive any notice of this school. I suppose we have no scholars to send.

DISTRICTS NO. 5 & 8.

Prudential Committee, William Munhall.

Teacher, Miss Maria A. Dodge of Bennington. Remembering the good work Miss Dodge did as teacher in this district, we were happy to meet her again in the school room. A glance over the school showed us a kind, patient and faithful teacher was needed, and we felt to congratulate the district on their selection. The examination gave evidence of labor on the part of scholars and teacher. *A good school.*

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, Levi B. Hardy.

Teacher, summer term, Lizzie E. Winch. We found in Miss W. the qualities desirable in a teacher, and among them perseverance. We think she labored hard to advance her pupils, and with good success.

Winter term, taught by Lewis W. Epps of Francestown. This school commenced with three scholars and closed with the same number. No fault of the teacher that there were not more pupils. We are sorry that the parents did not make a greater effort to have their children attend, for when all are in, the school is quite small. *Those attending did well.* Mr. E. is a gentleman, and a good scholar. We hope we may have his services as teacher in town another year.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

No school. Hope they will get their school house repaired and have a school another season.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee, William H. Marsh.

Teacher, Miss Nellie E. Fletcher of Greenfield. This is an active school, and well deserves the reputation it has had in years past of being orderly and studious. Miss F. entered upon her work with a great desire to gain the respect and love of her pupils, and to aid them in the work of the term. We expected to see good improvement and was not disappointed.

Winter term taught by the same teacher. Good improvement was made in all branches, particularly in reading and spelling. Embarrassment when visitors are in, which we frequently see in the teacher's first term, had disappeared, and a home-like feeling was manifest. We think Miss Nellie, with more experience, may rank among the first class teachers.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term.

Hattie M. Draper, L. A. Butler, Bertie Reynolds, Ella C. Blanchard, Edith M. Holt, John H. Holt, Charlie Holt, Georgie Holt, Eddie Peavy, Willie Richardson, Emma Jaquith, Willie Flynn, Minnie T. Harrington, Emma F. Cain, Ella M. Cain.

Second Term.

Charles Reynolds, Rose M. Lowe, Clarence Lowe, Ella C. Blanchard, Eddie Hopkins, Willie Richardson, Mark Richardson, Alice Hall, Della Anderson, Minnie Harrington, Mary A. Cain, Lizzie Cain, Emma F. Cain.

Third Term.

Lu Butler, Lillie Butler, Rosa Lowe, Hattie Draper, Walter Hopkins, Eddie Peavy, Robbie Richardson, Eddie Ingalls, Eddie Lawrence, Nellie Cummings.

REMARKS.

It is a source of pleasure to your Committee, and to all who feel an interest in education, to know that the schools of the town are taking a higher standard. This may be due in part to the change in text books made by Miss Peavey; but another reason is the aid the children are receiving at home. A number of families are doing a good work in this way. The influence is felt in the school room as well as the households. We wish more of the parents might *see* and *feel* this great truth, and do as others are doing. The instruction at home and in the school room should be made practical. We think our teachers fail in this. It brings life and interest into the recitations, and is an incentive to the scholar in the pursuit of knowledge. The teacher's great study should be, how can I best interest and advance my pupils. The mind should be centered on the work before them. No teacher can do his or her work *well* if the mind be occupied with other things. In the service of the year we shall retain pleasant memories. The report, with the following page of statistics, is

Respectfully submitted.

A. N. HARDY,

Superintending School Committee.

Greenfield, N. H., March 1, 1881.

STATISTICS.

Districts.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Wages per month.	Number of weeks.	Number of scholars.	Average attendance.	Number not absent.	Visits by S. S. Com.	Visits by Prud. Com.	Visits by Citizens.	Amount of school money.
	Summer Schools.									
1	Rena T. Breed.....	$18 00	8	13	12*	3	2		10	
2	Nellie M. Atwood.....	19 00	8	17	15*	4	2		5	
3	Abbie H. Allen.....	36 00	8*	40	35*	10	2		9	
7	Lizzie E. Winch.....	20 00	8	9	8*		2			
10	Nellie E. Fletcher.....	17 00	8	11	9*	3	2		7	
	Fall & Winter Schools.									
1	Emma F. Robertson....	26 00	6	13	12	4	2		11	
1	John T. Robertson. ...	30 00	10	19	17		2	1	6	$85 73
2	Ann F. Langdell.....	20 00	10	17	12*	1	2		5	55 66
3	Hattie L. Pettengill....	32 00	10	46	36	1	2		8	313 33
3	Hattie L. Pettengill....	36 00	10	36	26		2		15	28 72
4 5–8	Maria A. Dodge.....	26 00	14	42	33*	3	2	1	17	80 78
7	Lewis W. Epps.....	20 00	7	3	2*		2	1		75 57
10	Nellie E. Fletcher.....	20 00	8	15	13	3	2		7	76 33

* Fraction.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year Ending March 1, 1881.

Assessed upon the Polls and Estates of Residents, and upon the Estates of Non-Residents in the town of Greenfield, for the year 1880,		$4378 82

Money Received.

Received of taxes assessed 1880,	$3564 00	
For dog tax for 1880,	19 00	
Interest on taxes for 1880,	7 71	
Taxes on list of 1879,	805 93	
Dog tax for 1879,	8 00	
Interest on taxes for 1879,	14 63	
Received on tax list of 1878,	1 72	
Received on tax list of 1877,	1 79	
Received on tax list of 1873,	1 61	
Received on tax list of 1876,	26 98	
Interest on tax list of 1876,	2 24	
Dog tax on list of 1876,	3 00	
Received on tax list of 1875,	10 93	
Received on tax list of 1874,	7 50	
For use of hay scales,	16 35	
For use of town house,	8 00	
For use of pasture,	6 00	
By note,	2100 00	
Savings bank tax,	549 72	
Railroad tax,	38 28	
Literary fund for 1879,	57 35	
Treasurer for 1879,	295 57	—$7546 31

Amount Paid Out for Breaking Roads in 1880.

Charles B. Wallace,	$ 6 37
B. W. Hardy,	4 00
John O. Colbath,	16 18
I. B. Farrington,	2 50
Levi Dodge,	7 86
James Beazley,	4 45

George Damoth,	1 12	
James T. Robertson,	6 00	
Mark Rogers,	16 87	
W. W. Wilson,	5 00	
J. C. P. Draper,	26 61	
Jacob Savage,	4 00	
G. W. Wood,	6 12	
G. E. Bailey,	14 70	
Dearborn Lakin,	4 68	
William Savage,	3 87	
R. A. Dutton,	7 50	
James Lewis,	7 50	
Geo. W. French,	16 68	
D. W. Flynn,	10 25	
Harrison Lakin,	4 50	
Lucius Wilson,	4 80	
Jonathan Coburn,	10 20	
G. W. Grimes,	8 00	
Levi S. Holt,—whole district,	14 17	
John Cain,	18 12	
James Sawyer,	4 00	
Gorge P. Holt,	8 72	
Elbridge Wilson,	2 50	
Josephine A. Holt,	50	
H. A. Waite,	1 87	
John Day,	13 05	
D. W. Burnham,	6 48	
Robert R. Wilson,	9 50	
E. J. Downing,	1 25	
N. Russell & Son,	23 62	
Wm. Duncklee,	23 51	
Robert Blanchard,	10 50	
Wm. H. Marsh,	19 70	
Frank I. Lowe,	37 10	
John H. Reynolds,	1 92	
Lyman I. Straw,	1 00—	$397 27

Highways and Bridges.

I. B. Farrington,	$ 1 10
X. W. Brooks, plank and labor,	1 00
L. Bailey,	10 25
Wm. Savage,	17 06
G. W. French,	11 25
Lucius Wilson,	8 45
John Cain,	11 25
R. Haskell,	50
J. F. Savage,	5 12

J. E. Stearns,	50	
Elbridge Wilson,	2 75	
R. Blanchard,	2 00	
G. W. French, in Wallace district,	6 50	
Wm. H. Marsh,	3 00	
James Lewis,	23 50	
B. W. Hardy,	26 25	
Geo. E. Bailey,	8 25	
P. Munhall,	4 82	
H. Cudworth,	3 62	
Wm. Norris,	5 00	
B. F. Jaquith,	1 25	
C. B. Wallace,	12 13	
F. I. Lowe, 1879,	22 00	
John O. Colbath,	18 75	
Robert R. Wilson,	2 70	
L. C. Rogers,	2 00	
G. E. Bailey,	4 00	
Patrick Welch,	2 45	
F. I. Lowe,	4 50—	$221 95

Miscellaneous Expenses.

A. Fuller, stove pipe,	$ 2 12	
C. B. Wallace, lighting and repairing street lamps,	6 55	
C. B. Wallace, care of town house,	6 00	
Savage & Lewis, store bill,	5 54	
A. N. Hardy, superintending school committee,	30 00	
Earl Searles, repairing street lamps,	75	
I. B. Farrington, snowing bridge,	1 00	
L. Bailey, watering place,	3 00	
G. E. Bailey, tolling bell,	2 00	
Lucius Wilson, watching fire,	1 25	
H. H. Duncklee, keeping five tramps.	5 00	
H. H. Duncklee, watering place,	3 00	
John Cain, police service,	2 00	
James Sawyer, clothing and school books for Felch boy,	8 75	
James Sawyer, overseer of poor,	15 00	
Supervisors for 1880,	9 00	
J. L. Fish, damage to sleigh,	1 25	
Samuel H. Partridge, returning births and deaths,	5 75	
E. C. Richardson, clerkship,	20 00	
E. C. Richardson, stationery, postage and school books,	6 97	

E. C. Richardson, book and repairing hay scales,	2 85	
R. Bradford & Co., store bill,	5 40	
G. H. Putnam, watering place,	3 00	
L. S. Holt, plank and wood,	4 25	
J. B. Binks, watching fire,	1 25	
John H. Day, watching fire,	4 50	
Geo. E. Bailey, repairing lobby,	8 00	
J. H. Reynolds, journey to Concord,	5 00	
C. B. Wallace, lighting street lamps,	13 05	
Frank Brooks, blacksmithing,	5 26	
R. Bradford & Co., store bill,	10 64	
M. V. B. Greene, stationery,	9 72	
Farnum & Scott, printing reports 1880,	18 00	
G. A. Draper, watching fire,	1 25	
G. H. Putnam, damage to horse,	20 00	
G. L. Parmenter, damage to carriage,	5 00	
Sheep killed by dogs,	22 37	
B. F. Bailey, balance on cemetery fence,	6 00	
J. H. Reynolds, two journeys to Nashua,	4 00	
J. H. Reynolds, select services,	65 00	
Levi S. Holt, select services,	55 00	
Willis D. Hardy, select services,	50 00	
F. C. Fletcher, treasurer,	20 00	
Auditors, 1880,	4 00	
John R. Russell, collecting taxes 1879,	60 00—	$ 538 47

Recapitulation.

Whole amount received,		$7546 31
Paid out as follows:		
State Tax,	$ 788 00	
County Tax,	751 42	
School Orders,	748 61	
Notes and Interest,	3834 82	
Breaking Roads,	397 27	
Repairing Highways and Bridges,	221 95	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	538 47	
		$7280 54
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		$265 77

Financial Condition of the Town.

Due on tax list of 1873,		$4 12	
With the following abatement:			
James Shea,		85	
			$3 27
Due on tax list of 1874,		$22 50	
With the following abatement:			
T. H. Wood,		22 50	
Due on tax list of 1876,		$25 51	
With the following abatements:			
Albert Huntington,	$ 1 71		
Taylor D. Lakin,	19 66		
Stephen Richardson,	1 71		
Joseph Rabatoile,	1 67		
Jeffrey Shea,	62		
Owner unknown,	14		
		25 51	
Due on tax list of 1877,		$8 21	
With the following abatements:			
Joseph Rabatoile,	$1 77		
A. G. Warren,	1 75		
Richard Haskell,	2 94		
John S. Draper,	1 75		
		8 21	
Due on list of 1878,		$9 00	
With the following abatements:			
Leonard Mead,	$1 60		
S. S. Mann,	2 82		
Stephen Richardson,	1 60		
Joseph Rabatoile,	2 98		
		9 00	
Due on tax list of 1879,		$43 07	
With the following abatements:			
William Carr,	$1 57		
Fred Farrington,	1 57		
John Nolan,	1 57		
William P. Powers,	1 85		
John C. Wallace,	1 57		
Augustus Goodness,	1 57		
Stephen Richardson,	1 57		
		11 27	
			$31 80

Due on the tax list of 1880,		$814 82	
With the following abatements:			
Asa Bailey,	$1 53		
John W. Carlton,	1 53		
Fred Carter,	1 53		
James Nichols,	1 53		
Fall River Ice Company,	4 59		
H. Abbott, overtax,	3 06		
		13 77	
			801 05
			$836 12
Amount of notes against the town,			$9,189 24

Demands in favor of the town:

Due on tax lists,	$836 12	
Due from State, bounty on foxes and hawks,	25 60	
Due from United States,	558 00	
Amount in treasurer's hands,	265 77	
		$1,685 49
Balance against the town,		$7,503 75

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. REYNOLDS,
LEVI S. HOLT,
WILLIS D. HARDY,
Selectmen of Greenfield.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Paid for clothing and school books for Luke Felch,	$ 8 75	
Paid for support of County paupers,	294 92	
		$303 67
Received of Town Treasurer,	$ 8 75	
Received of County,	294 92	
		$303 67

JAMES SAWYER, Overseer of Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Whole amount received,	$7,546 31
Paid Selectmen's orders,	7,280 54
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	$265 77

FRANKLIN C. FLETCHER, Town Treasurer.

Received from sale of lots in Greenvale Cemetery,	$18 00
Paid for labor on cemetery,	10 25
In hands of E. C. Richardson,	$7 75